

REMARKS

The purpose of this paper is to establish a claim for priority to International Application No. PCT/SG2004/000281 and U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/499,848. Instead of receiving this application as an entry into the national stage of the referenced international application under 35 USC § 371, the Office decided to receive this application as a 35 USC § 111(a) application (see Decision of May 5, 2009). Applicant therefore petitioned for acceptance of a delayed claim for priority on June 9, 2009. This paper accompanies the Renewed Petition of June 9, 2009 to satisfy one of the requirements of that petition. In particular, a paragraph is being inserted at the beginning of the specification in the required form to indicate the priority claim.

International Application No. PCT/SG2004/000281

A copy of the International Application Status Report for International Application No. PCT/SG2004/000281 is enclosed as Exhibit A. This Report was obtained from WIPO on September 5, 2009. This report shows that a claim was made for priority to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/499,848. An entry by WIPO in this status report states "Priority document received (in compliance with PCT Rule 17.1)." The status report also shows that International Application No. PCT/SG2004/000281 designated the U.S. as well as other countries. Further review of the WIPO Internet website reveals that a downloadable complete certified copy of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/499,848 is available. The certification page of that certified copy includes the International Patent Application No. PCT/SG2004/000281 at its upper right corner.

International Application No. PCT/SG2004/000281 was published on March 3, 2005 as Publication No. WO/2005/021882, which is also indicated in the enclosed International Application Status Report. Additionally, a copy of the front sheet of that publication is enclosed as Exhibit B, for convenience.

Applicant therefore respectfully asserts that no certified copy of this international application is needed to establish a priority claim because it was published prior to the present U.S. application's filing date (MPEP 1895.01, fourth paragraph).

U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/499,848

As shown above, International Application No. PCT/SG2004/000281 properly made a claim of priority to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/499,848, and that priority claim was accepted by WIPO. Since U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/499,848 is a U.S. patent application, the original document lies in the files of the USPTO. Therefore, applicant respectfully asserts that no certified copy of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/499,848 needs to be filed in this case since the office already has the original document.

Inventors' Declaration

Applicant filed with the Office a Revised Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application on July 22, 2009 containing specific references to International Application No. PCT/SG2004/000281 and U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/499,848 for priority claims.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendment to the specification to claim priority, and the WIPO documents showing a continuous and timely claim of priority, and the fact that no certified copies of priority documents should be needed in the present case, applicant respectfully submits that all priority claim requirements of the Office have been satisfied. Applicant therefore requests that the Office enter the establishment of priority to both International Application No. PCT/SG2004/000281 and U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/499,848 in this case.

Applicant believes that no further fee is due for this paper. However, if in fact a fee is due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge that fee to Deposit Account No. 06-2425.

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(54) Title (FR): STRUCTURES DÉPLOYABLES

(57) Abstract:

(EN): A deployable structure (100) comprising a plurality of hingeably connected members, a first hinge element (108) and a second hinge element (104), wherein the two members of each pair of hingeably connected members are connected to the first and the second hinge elements respectively, and wherein the first hinge element (108) is capable of being stabilized for facilitating stabilization of the deployable structure (100) into a deployed state.

(FR): La présente invention se rapporte à une structure déployable (100) comportant une pluralité d'éléments raccordés par charnières, un premier élément charnière (108) et un second élément charnière (104), les deux éléments de chaque paire d'éléments raccordée par charnières étant raccordés respectivement au premier et au second élément charnière, ledit premier élément charnière (108) pouvant être stabilisé pour faciliter la stabilisation de la structure déployable (100) dans un état déployé.

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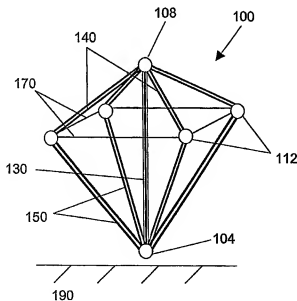
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